

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received on 2/15/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 17-31, they are renumbered as claims 1-30; 3 sheets of formal drawings (2/15/07) are accepted.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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1. This Office Action is the answer to the amendment filed on ~~2~~¹⁵/2007, which paper has been placed of record in the file.
2. Claims 1-15, and 17-31 are pending in this application; claims 16, and 32 were canceled by the amendment filed 2/15/2007.
3. 3 replacement sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-3) received 2/15/2007 are acceptable.

Allowable Subject Matter & Reasons for Allowance

4. Independent claims 1 and 17 are patentable over references of Ratkovic et al. (US Pat. 6,573,486), Katz et al. (US Pat. 6,473,676), and Shiller et al. (US Pub. 2003/0137433) because these documents do not disclose a system or a method for assisting a pilot flying an aircraft having solid state gyros and a turn coordinator gyro on-board, in addition to other limitations, comprises a means on-board the aircraft for determining the roll rate of the aircraft from satellite-based radio navigation signals and from said solid state gyros and said turn coordinator gyro on-board the aircraft.

- Ratkovit et al.'s reference is directed about a projectile.
- Katz et al. teach about using four sensors to sense the linear acceleration in vertical direction, airspeed, roll rate/yaw rate, and magnetic heading of the aircraft, respectively. A signal processor coupled to the sensors, has pitch angle, roll angle, and heading angle estimators and an output. A display displays the angle estimation output from the signal processor to the pilot; however, these information are not satellite-based radio navigation signals.
- Peter J. Schiller et al. teach a system has two sensors including rotational rate sensors and compensation sensors providing rotational rate signals and compensation signals respectively. The rotational rate sensor has a gyro with a single sheet of

piezoelectric material. A microcontroller processes the signals and a display displaying attitude, directional, and turn coordinate information simultaneously; however, these information are not provided from a GPS.

5. Dependent claims 2-15, and 18-31 are patentable because they are dependent on above independent claims.

Conclusion


6. Claims 1-15, and 17-31 are patentable.

Claims 17, 30-31 are renumbered as claims 16, 17, and 30.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CUONG H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-6759 (email address: cuong.nguyen@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THOMAS G. BLACK can be reached on 571-272-6956. The Rightfax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-6759.

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